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(SOCIAL WELFARE DIVISION)
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NOTIFICATION

WHEREAS, the welfare measures targeting the poor and the destitute who have little or no regular means of subsistence from his/her own source of income or through financial support from family members or other sources are extended to all the persons belonging to Below Poverty Line category of the State in order to provide financial assistance under the National Social Assistance Programme and State Innovative Schemes;

AND WHEREAS, the eligibility criteria of having Ration Card of Antodaya Anna Yojana and Priority Household as defined in rule 6 of the Sikkim Food Security Rules, 2014 has also been taken into consideration for identification and selection of beneficiaries for grant of various pension schemes under operation in the Department;

NOW THEREFORE, with the view to achieve the above objectives, the State Government is hereby pleased to notify that the beneficiaries in possession of Ration Card in the category of Antodaya Anna Yojana and Priority Household shall also be treated as persons in Below Poverty Line Category in order to extend the benefits under National Social Assistance Programme and State Innovative Schemes.

This Notification shall be deemed to have come into force on the 1st day of September, 2016.

By order and in the name of the Governor.

**R.Telang, IAS
Commissioner-cum-Secretary
Social Justice, Empowerment and Welfare Department**